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Even periodicals have been cut off. And this was not caused by the lack of currency, but exclusively by a blind subordination and servility to everything Soviet, including its science. According to prevailing regulations all foreign periodicals are to be ordered only through the Orbis Ltd, Prague.

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a new organization was recently added to foreign trade companies, and has already changed its name two or three times. the last one was something like "Technospol" (this could be established from the list of foreign trade companies published regularly in the "Czechoslovak Exporter" or "Zahranicni Obchod"). There was not much known at the Ministry of Foreign Trade about Technospol's activity, at least not in its western territorial departments. This company was created by a governmental decree in July 1950, but its actual activity did not start before the end of 1950. The Technospol's first employees came from Kovo which at the same time underwent a reorganization dividing it into three companies independent from each other: Kovo, manufacturing light engineering, industrial and electrical equipment, headed by Ing Vladimir Kratky; Motokov, manufacturing various motors, automobiles, aircraft, motorcycles, bicycles, ammunition, etc., and Investa, for import and export of so-called "investment goods". The Investa was considered the most important foreign trade company, mainly for its trade relations with the USSR and satellite countries. First Investa's head for several months was the First Deputy of the Foreign Trade Minister, Jan Soucek, who was eventually replaced by Ing Sirucek. Sirucek did not stay too long and was later replaced by a third person. Technospol was actually the fourth part of the former Kovo.

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Its official tasks, however, were formulated as follows: to buy and sell domestic and foreign patents and licenses; to buy and sell technical plans, blue-prints and "recines" for various goods production, and the technical know-how.

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Technospol did not have a representative in the US. At the present time the majority of Technospol's activities are with the Soviet bloc countries, but the plan for creation of such a foreign trade company was initiated a long time ago, in 1949, when there were still some hopes and prospects for better trade relations with the west.

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4. some time ago some offices were established in all satellite countries for the exchange of technical and scientific information.

at the time the Technospol was created, some 80 highly qualified engineers from Kovo, Skoda and Central Research Institute, were assigned to duty with this company.

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6. The agency referred to as "Technical Document Center" ("Technicke Documentacni Stredisko") was established as an independent institution in 1949 or 1950. This was previously a technical archive of Ceskoslovenske Zavody Kovodelne a Strojirenske, the Czech largest nationalized heavy industrial combine which included Skoda Works, CKD and many others. After completed reorganization, when huge and bureaucratically administered combines were broken into smaller national corporations, the Technical Document Center was separated from its parent organization and attached to the Vysoka Skola Technicka (Highest Technical School on university level, since Czechoslovak universities do not have technical faculties or special Engineering Colleges). The Center, however, is not subordinated to the above school, and works more or less independently.
7. The Technical Document Center was originally established in 1946 as a part of Ceskoslovenske Zavody Kovodelne, but at that time it was a normal technical documentation department of an industrial corporation. Today it has a nation-wide importance, since all collected domestic and foreign technical and scientific information is channeled to this institution. Formerly it was located in Prague II, Jungmannova ulice, and now it has its offices in the old university building, in Clementinum. [redacted] many complaints that, although it collects technical and scientific information, this agency disseminates very little, if any, and that it is of no use to industrial and production enterprises. On the other hand [redacted] due to somewhat chaotic conditions existing in nationalized production enterprises, they are not using fully the services of TDC. [redacted] gets technical publications through legations and consulates, as well as through Technopol. This service is still very poorly organized, for even the leading scientists in Czechoslovakia today have practically no access to foreign literature directly, or indirectly through TDC or Technopol. [redacted] all scientific literature in Czechoslovakia today must be procured through the USSR, where this literature is "ideologically" screened and adjusted for consumption in satellite countries, insuring thus always a tighter dependability on the USSR. This could also be a reason for the maintaining of offices of the Czechoslovak Planning Bureau for Scientific Cooperation in Moscow.
8. The Czechoslovak Center of Research (Ceskoslovenske Ustredi Vyzkumu) has several departments and falls under the supervision of the State Planning Bureau. During the last year, it was headed by the well-known Communist economist Dr Jaroslav Fukatko. He visited the US in 1949 [redacted] When Rudolf Slansky was in power this group was removed from top positions, but now with Gottwald in power, these individuals could be reinstated in their previous positions. They were technical creators of the first Czechoslovak Two Year Plan, and later of the Five Year Plan. At present Ludvik Frejka is the head of the economic department of the presidential office of Gottwald. Jaroslav Fukatko is now gravely ill, but [redacted] this is a kind of "political" illness [redacted] the Center of Research [redacted] was several times strongly attacked by the Communist Party for its adherence to the Western ideology.

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